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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Application No.: 10/551,347

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Art Unit: N/A

For: CONTROL DEVICE, COMMUNICATION  
DEVICE FOR CONTROL, RELAY DEVICE,  
CONTROL SYSTEM, CONTROL METHOD,  
CONTROL PROGRAM TO REALIZE  
CONTROL METHOD THEREOF, AND  
COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING  
MEDIUM HAVING PROGRAM THEREOF  
RECORDED

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Subsequent to the filing of the above-identified application on September 28, 2005, attached hereto is an English translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability (Form PCT/IB/373) that should be made of record in the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any

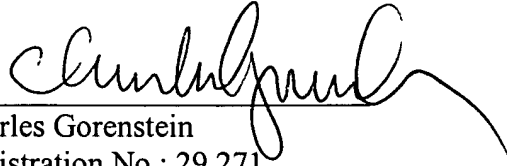
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additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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